

# MONEY FIGHT

## MIX' UP



MITARAI COMBAT FORM #3

### RISING MIGHTY STYLE

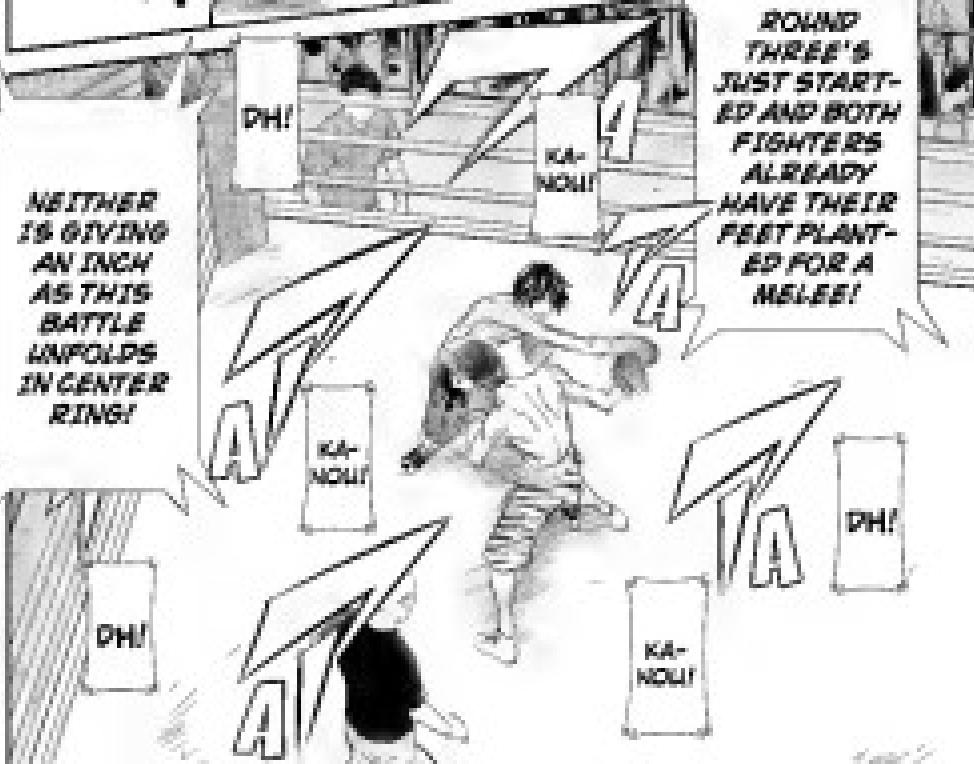
(SOUTHPAW FIGHTER STYLE)

THE LEFT-HANDED STANCE FOR THE MIGHTY STYLE.  
BRINGING HIS DOMINANT HAND FORWARD, MITARAI CAN  
LEAD WITH HARD-HITTING PUNCHES AND LAY PRESSURE ON  
HIS OPPONENT HARD. WHILE STILL INCOMPLETE, BY MIXING  
THIS STANCE INTO HIS PREVIOUS STYLES, MITARAI GREATLY  
INCREASES HIS VERSATILITY IN FIGHTS.



NEITHER IS GIVING AN INCH AS THIS BATTLE UNFOLDS IN CENTER RING!

ROUND THREE'S JUST STARTED AND BOTH FIGHTERS ALREADY HAVE THEIR FEET PLANTED FOR A MELEE!



TO BE HONEST,  
A BRAIN IS  
THE LAST DIRECTION  
ONE WOULD TYP-  
ICALLY WANT  
TO TAKE THE  
FIGHT IN.



TO KEEP MURAKAMI  
FROM SETTING THE  
PACE, HE CHOSE TO  
SET HIM FOR 5  
MILES THIS TEAR.



AND KANOU  
RETURNS  
WITH HIS  
OWN BOTH  
FIGHTERS  
REFUSE  
TO BACK  
DOWN!



ARE YOU  
CHALLENGING  
HIM WITH  
THIS ROUND,  
BRO?



A HARD  
LEFT  
FROM  
RISE!



OHHHH!  
A PUN-  
ISHING  
BODY  
BLOW  
FROM  
RISE!

GUH...

BOOM

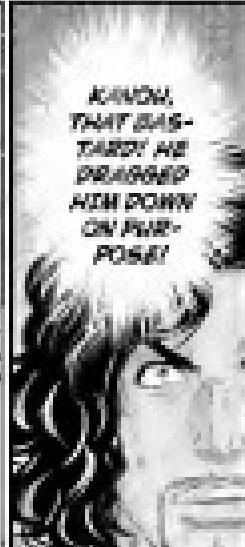
IT LOOKS  
LIKE RANCH  
FELT THAT  
ONLY HE'S  
QUICK ON  
THE GLOVE!

THUD

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RISE  
TAKES  
A FALL  
HEAD-  
FIRST  
FOR THE  
MAT!





THIS FIGHT HAS GONE BEYOND SKILL AND BECOME A BATTLE OF WILL!

THEY'RE TIRED! THEY'RE HURT!



SOMETHING'S UP WITH KANOU.

YEAH.



THE EAST  
JAPAN  
ROCKETS  
ARE  
MOUNTAIN-  
HIGH WITH  
FIREPOWER!

TOADSTOOL'S  
MOST AN-  
FOOD-PARING  
CARD...

WE'VE REACHED  
THE FINAL ROUND OF  
THIS MO-  
MENTOUS  
MATCH!

AFTER IT  
LEFT SUCH A  
BAD TASTE IN  
MY MOUTH...

SEVEN  
YEARS  
AGO

WASHI  
KILLED OFF  
THE RACE IN  
THE FIRST  
HALF...

TATSUO!  
HE'S GONNA  
KNOCK YOU  
ON YOUR  
ASS IF YOU  
DON'T START  
SWINGIN'!

...AND NOW ON  
WE'VE SEEN  
HIM PUSHED  
TO THE ROPES  
NUMBEROUS  
TIMES AND  
PREDICULOUS  
FROM AGGRE-

DASE



THE EAST JAPAN  
BOXING KING TITLE  
GOES TO KADOYA  
OHTA'S  
FATHER KADOKAWA

A FIERCE  
COUNTER  
AND RUSH  
COMBO  
ENDS IT!

IT'S OVER!  
THE REFEREE HAS STOPPED  
THE MATCH!

BUT  
THEN...

AT THE TIME  
I FELT LIKE  
NO ONE  
COULD  
TOUCH ME.

WITH THE  
BOXING TITLE  
UNDER MY BELT,  
I PLANNED TO  
MOVE ON TO  
THE ALL-JAPAN  
TITLE AND  
EVENTUALLY  
THE WORLD.

STILL UNDE-  
FEATED, HE MAKES HIS  
WAY TO THE  
ALL-JAPAN  
FINALS!

WHAT...?

KADOYA  
BOXING GYM

...TO PROG  
OUT OF THE  
FINALS?

YOU  
WANT  
ME...

HE'S AN  
IMPORTANT  
FIGHTER WHO  
WILL BECOME  
A PILLAR FOR  
THE JAPANESE  
BOXING WORLD  
SOMEDAY,  
JUST LIKE  
YOU.

AS YOU  
KNOW, YOUR  
OPPONENT FOR  
THIS FINALS IS  
THE HOPE OF  
RAINBOW GYM,  
MIKITAKE  
ISHIKAWA.

HOLD UP,  
COACH! DO  
YOU THINK  
I'M GONNA  
LOSE??!

AFTER TALKING  
IT OVER WITH  
COACH RAINBOW,  
IT'S BEEN  
PRACTICED THAT  
WE'LL BACK  
OUT OF THIS  
ONE.

IF YOU TWO  
FIGHT, IT'S  
GOING TO END  
ON ONE OF  
YOUR NAMES.

WE DON'T GET MUCH PROMOTION ON OUR OWN, AND OFTEN TIMES IT'S HARD JUST GETTING YOU MATCHES.

WE'RE A SMALL GYM THAT BARBLY HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON.

YOU SAID SO YOURSELF THAT I COULD BEAT ISHE-KAWA!

ALMOST ALL THE ANALYSTS HAVE ME PINNED TO WIN!

COACH DAIKON  
IS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED BUSINESSMAN WITH QUITE THE TRACK RECORD AS A PROMOTER.

DAIKON, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ONE OF THE KANSAI REGION'S BIGGEST GYMS AND HAS PRODUCED A NUMBER OF WORLD CHAMPIONS.

DON'T GIVE  
ME THAT  
BULLSHIT!

BY TAKING ONE  
FOR DEXMON NOW,  
YOU CAN BET THERE  
WILL BE A MUCH  
BIGGER CHANCE  
WAITING FOR US  
DOWN THE--

I ORIGINALLY  
PLANNED TO  
TURN DOWN THE  
OFFER, BUT DE-  
CIDED IT COULD  
BITE HIS IN THE  
ASS LATER.



A WORLD  
WHERE  
ONLY THE  
STRONG  
RISE TO  
THE TOP?!

ISN'T THE  
RING SUP-  
POSED TO  
BE A PLACE  
WHERE WAR-  
RIORS COM-  
PETE WITH  
THEIR  
FISTS?!

IN THE END,  
I COULDN'T  
GO AGAINST  
THE SYSTEM.

TATSUO...

DUE TO THE  
FORREST OF  
TEAM KANOU,  
THE WINNER  
BY DEFAULT  
IS MITSUAKI  
ISHIGAKA.

WE WON  
WITHOUT  
THROWING  
A SINGLE  
PUNCH...

WITHOUT  
EVER FIGHTING  
UP A FIGHT.

I LOST...

THEN THAT  
MEANS...

I QUIT  
BOXING  
AFTER  
THAT.

BUT I GOT  
PULLED IN BY  
THE MONEY.

I NEVER  
PLANNED TO  
GET FOOT IN  
THE RING  
AGAIN.

I THOUGHT  
I WAS IN  
LUCK. IT  
SOUNDED  
LIKE EASY  
MONEY.

THEY TOLD  
ME I WAS UP  
AGAINST A  
GUY WITH  
A DECENT  
PUNCH BUT  
AN OTHER-  
WISE TOTAL  
AMATEUR.

SO TELL  
ME...

HOW DID  
THINGS  
GET SO  
OUTTA  
HAND??

AND  
KANOW  
RETURNS  
WITH A  
LEFTY

A DYN-  
AMITE  
RIGHT  
FROM  
RISER

HE'S  
DOING IT  
FOR HIS  
PRIDE.

HE ISN'T  
DOING IT  
FOR THE  
MONEY.

BRO DE-  
CIDED FOR  
HIMSELF.

I KNEW  
IT...

...LIBERATED  
BRO FROM  
THE DARK-  
NESS!

THAT  
MAN...



TO TOP IT  
OFF, HE'S  
IGNORING  
CRIES FROM HIS  
SECOND...



YUP... HE'S  
COMPLETELY  
OUT OF GAS.



INITIATE  
PLAN Z!



SIR... THAT  
IS STILL IN  
THE TESTING  
PHASE. IT  
ISN'T READY  
FOR—



TO BE CONTINUED.